

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF CONWAY, MA
MINUTES
July 11, 2011

Meeting Open: 7:00PM

Present: Victor C. Trombley, Jim Moore, John O'Rourke

Others present: Kathryn Palmer, Greg Rose

Appointments

7:00 South River Project - Kimberley MacPhee;

Kimberley spoke about the need for watershed protection along the South River in Conway. She explained that there are many potential non-point sources of pollution and the need for fluvial restoration in several locations. The FRCOG secured a grant of \$74,900.00 to work on these issues along the river in Conway and Ashfield. Their initial research indicated serious bank erosion, requiring an assessment of geomorphologic processes. She noted that the consultant hired by the FRCOG for this project will perform surveys and field research to identify items in need of attention. She said that the entire river process would be examined so as to mitigate any future problems. Once the hydrologic assessment is complete there will be a prioritization of sub-projects. She will be working with the Deerfield River Watershed Association (DRWA) and Friends of the South River during monitoring and habitat assessment. Their goal is to develop restoration designs to be used in the next phase of this project. Kimberly will keep the Board apprised of all future meetings, including a 'kick off' meeting. She concluded by stating that water quality in the South River was good in general.

7:30 School Committee Appointment – Regina Nash, Jan Warner, Phil Kantor, Elaine Rogers;
The committee met with the Board to discuss the resignation and interim replacement of Meg Burch, who was in the process of applying for the nurse's position at the Conway Grammar School. Regina noted that due to a potential conflict of interest, she advised Meg to resign from her position as per the recommendation of the State Ethics Commission. Regina read the state requirements for making this interim appointment from MGL. Elaine was willing to complete Meg's term. It was discussed that there were no other interested parties for this position and as such, it was clear that Elaine was the sole applicant. She was given accolades from the Board and Committee alike. A motion was made to appoint Elaine Rogers to the School Committee, the motion passed unanimously.

meeting items

- The warrants were signed.
- The Board approved the minutes of 6/27/11 as amended.
- The Board voted to have Chuck sign the FCAT agreement.
- There was a discussion about the Bardwells Ferry Road slope project and Mark Tanny's resistance to the installation of a barrier fence that is to be installed as mandated by the State. It was noted that Mr. Tanny had physically prevented workers from Commonwealth Guardrail to install the required fence in a previous incident. At that time, John had given a proposal to Mr. Tanny so as to make him comfortable with the fence installation. Chuck related the history of this project in relation to Mr. Tanny. He noted how much the Town had gone to extreme lengths to appease him and that it was Chuck's opinion was that Mr. Tanny must allow the retaining fence to be installed as per the agreement he had signed. Tom will coordinate with Northern Construction, Highway Superintendent Bob Baker and Police Chief Ken Ouimette as to complete the fence installation, and thus the completion of this project.
- The Board signed a Reserve Transfer form to allocate funding for the Town Accountant in FY2012 in the amount of \$12,684.00.
- John noted his conversation with Joyce Muka, FRCOG Municipal Accounting Program Manager, who said that the conversion of the Town accounting system to the FRCOG accounting system would be completed by the end of September, which would allow for an audit for FY2010 and/or FY2011. It was agreed that Tom will contact Joyce on her opinion of what year she feels should be audited.
- Greg Rose came in to speak about details regarding a proposal that Steve Stange gave to the Town regarding survey work on Roaring Brook Road. Greg was asked to have Steve change the time estimated to complete this job, and Greg agreed to ask Steve for this accommodation.
- Greg Rose joined the meeting as representative for Steve Stange. John spoke about Ralph Osgood's land and the necessity to relocate the existing easement. He said that both parties

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could negotiate to move the boundaries to everyone's satisfaction. John reiterated that this move was not intended as a taking. This change would be equal on both sides of the road. Chuck said that the move on one side would place the other side in a wetland. John indicated that even if the relocated easement was in a wetland area, that the location of the road would not change, and, therefore, would not affect the wetlands. Mr. Rose made a recommendation that he suggested might make it easier to speak with Mr. Osgood. Ultimately there was agreement that both sides of the road on Mr. Osgood's land must be changed. There was also a culvert that was in question on Main Poland Road.

- Chuck wanted to speak about the former proposed change to the Town Select Board structure from 3 to 5 members this past April. He said that it was evident by Jack Lochhead's handout that there were many steps to be taken before these changes could take place.
- There was a discussion regarding a washout at the bottom of the driveway at 126 Newhall Road that Bob Baker had patched previously. It was agreed that Bob would make another attempt to remedy this matter, as the washout did affect the public roadway.
- Maureen Chase was called to verify which vendor was responsible for removing the gutters at the grammar school, as part of the repair project. She noted that DP Carney had performed this work. She recommended that the scrap metal be given to the transfer station. Chuck will call Bob to ask him to do this and will call Tom to confirm this arrangement.
- Tom explained WiredWest's need to have two more votes taken by ballot in addition to the former request for Town counsel opinion. It was agreed that the Town will be asked to take these additional votes to establish Conway as a member Town of WiredWest.

Mail and Other Items

- Mail items were reviewed.

10:15PM Motion to adjourn meeting was made by John, seconded by Jim, all in favor.